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S. F. Man Faces Charges of Aiding Eldridge Escape Plot

Arrest of Ray Gabhart, 26-year-old San Francisco lather, as the man who engineered and executed the escape of Mrs. Margaret Griffin, 24-year-old thrice-wed mother, from the Sonoma State Home at Eldridge several weeks ago, was ordered last night with the issuance of a warrant on a complaint signed by Dr. Fred O. Butler, medical superintendent of the home.

Mrs. Griffin was recently retaken in custody at the home of Gabhart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gabhart, at 1352 McAllister street in San Francisco. The young woman, considered a "borderline" case for state-home care, was returned to the institution by bay city police and state investigators.

Gabhart was last night formally charged with violation of the state welfare and institutions' code by assisting an inmate to escape. The offense is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed $500 or not more than six months in jail.

Dr. Fred O. Butler, medical superintendent of the home, signed the complaint against Gabhart. The warrant was issued by Judge Joseph Small. Gabhart was accused of prearranging to pick the woman up at the home and spirit her away to San Francisco.

According to District Attorney McGettigan, Gabhart brought a change of clothing for the woman, who discarded her institution clothing on the way to Santa Rosa. The bundle of state garments was found on the Melitta road and turned over sheriff's deputies.

Gabhart had previously proposed marriage to Mrs. Griffin, who had been sent to the home by a San Francisco superior court judge. Soon after commitment, according to Dr. Butler, the young woman requested sterilization and arrangements were made for the operation.

Before the operation was made, however, Supervisor Adolph Uhl of San Francisco interested himself in the case and filed objections. He stirred a shakeup in the San Francisco juvenile court as a direct result of the case, and threatened legal action against the state if the operation was performed.

It was only a short time later that Mrs. Griffin fled from the home while working with a gang of girls cleaning houses on the state-home property. The case created a sensation in the bay area.

Called to Colors

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Shackleton To Leave for Navy Service

William G. Shackleton, district tax administrator for the state board of equalization in the north coast counties, has been called to active duty as a line officer with the United States navy.

Shackleton, a lieutenant in the naval reserve, has been ordered to report at San Pedro Sunday, December 15, to await earliest transportation to the Pearl Harbor navy airbase at Honolulu, to which he will be attached.

In announcing his call to service, Shackleton said he will not relinquish his civil service rating with

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